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1. AT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY NORDIC PERM REPS JUNE 4 GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG WAS INVITED TO COMMENT ON HIS MAJOR CONCERNS FOLLOWING TRIP TO EAST ASIA FROM WHICH HE HAS JUST RETURNED. LONG CONFINED HIS COMMENT TO TWO SUBJECTS: PROSPECTS FOR U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION AND HIS GATT MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS.

2. ON U.S. LEGISLATION, LONG SAID HE HAD FOUND GREAT CONCERN ON HIS TRIP, AND THIS WAS NOT CONFINED IN LDCS, AS HE HAD SUPPOSED IT MIGHT BE, TO CONCERN RE GSP. ASKED TO COMMENT ON STATUS OF TRA, U.S. REP (MILLER) SAID WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY SENATE FINCOM CHAIRMAN LONG'S WILLINGNESS TO MARK UP BILL AND SECOND BY ARTICLE 24:6 SETTLEMENT WITH EC,
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WHICH COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON WASHINGTON

CLIMATE. QUESTION REMAINS OF RESOLUTION OF TITLE 4 PROBLEM.

3. LONG REPEATED AT LENGTH HIS VIEWS ON NEED FOR MANAGEMENT GROUP TO IMPROVE GATT MODUS OPERANDI. GROUP SHOULD BOTH IMPROVE GATT ABILITY TO DEAL RAPIDLY WITH IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS SUCH AS CURRENT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS TRADE PROBLEMS AND BRING HIGH LEVEL REPS TOGETHER PERIODICALLY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LESS IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS. GROUP SHOULD CONSIST OF NOT LESS THAN TWELVE OR MORE THAN TWENTY. LONG ARGUED THAT WE SHOULD FIRST ESTABLISH THAT GROUP IS WANTED, ONLY THEN TACKLE DETAILS LIKE EXACT MEMBERSHIP. KITAHARA (JAPAN) MADE SOME RATHER OBSCURE REMARKS MAIN THRUST OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE RATHER NEGATIVE; HE SUGGESTED PRESENT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MODUS VIVENDI, NOT WORKING BADLY. BARTON (CANADA) QUESTIONED FUNCTIONS OF GROUP AND POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT ON COMPOSITION BUT SAID HE HAS OPEN MIND. MILLER SUPPORTED PROPOSAL, REFERRING TO REMARKS AT MAY MEETING OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND, WHEN ASKED RE COMPOSITION, SAID GROUP SHOULD BE OF LIMITED SIZE AND ASSUMED, FOR INSTANCE, EC WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF COMMISSION. AFTER SOME REMARKS BY OTHERS ABOUT NUMBER OF MEMBER COUNTRY REPS BEHIND COMMISSION SPOKESMAN (THERE IS AN AVERAGE OF PERHAPS SIXTEEN AT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETINGS), LUYTEN (EC) SAID WE SHOULD ALL BEAR IN MIND THAT EC COUNTRIES HAVE SOME FORTY PER CENT OF TRADE AND OF GATT BUDGET. HE HOPED TO HAVE MORE TO SAY AT LONG'S MEETING JUNE 6.

4. THOUGH THERE WAS MORE QUESTIONING OF PROPOSAL THAN SUPPORT, NO ONE SPOKE DIRECTLY AGAINST IT AND LONG CHOSE TO TAKE DISCUSSION AS INVITATION TO PUT SOMETHING IN WRITING. NORDICS ENCOURAGED THE IDEA AND HE SAID HE WILL DO SO.

5. PATTERSON TOLD US SUBSEQUENTLY LONG HOPES TO HAVE PROPOSAL WORKED OUT AND ACCEPTED IN TIME FOR APPROVAL BY CPS IN NOVEMBER. ABRAMS

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